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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROFESSOR URSU

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1. MEETING WITH URSU TOOK PLACE ON SHORT NOTICE LATE APRIL 2. MORE DETAILED SUGGESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY NCST IN NEXT FEW DAYS. URSU INDICATED THAT HE IS NOW MORE INCLINED TO LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY VISIT IF CONVENIENT FOR US HOSTS SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE HIM MORE TIME TO PREPARE HIMSELF (HE IS IN EAST GERMANY THIS WEEK WHERE HE EXPECTS TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY).

2. INITIAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON ARE GIVEN BELOW:

A. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. URSU DID POST-DOCTORAL WORK ON AN IAEA FELLOWSHIP AT PRINCETON, 1959-60, UNDER JOHN TURKEVICH. TURKEVICH HAS SINCE DIED BUT URSU WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN PRINCETON VISIT WITH POYSONAL CALL ONLVRS. TURKEVICH, IN ADDITION TO PRINCETON PHYLWCS FACILITIES. SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH PHYSICS FACULTY MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

B. HARVARD UNIVERSITY. PROFESSOR ARTHUR SOLTMON, BIOPHYSICS LABORATORY, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL.

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SOLOMON CONSULTED WITH URSU HERE IN FEBRUARY AND

HAS SINCE GIVEN HIS FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOPHYSIRS LABORATORY AT THE
INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC PHYSICS, BUCHAREST. URSU NOW
WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT SOLOMON'S RETURN INVITATION TO
VISIT HARVARD. (SOLOMON MAY BE INTERESTED TO HAVE
THE URSU'S AS HOUSE GUESTS DURING HARVEHD VISIT.)

C. VISIT TO ANY CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT, NHREFULABLY NZRE MODECJIONE CONVENIENT TO
ITINERARY.

D. VISIT TO A FUEL-ELEMENT FABRICATION PLANT
FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS.

E. VISIT TO A HIGH-TEMPERATURE
THERMAL REACTOR SITE.

F. ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ESPECIALLY IF
VISITS D AND E ABOVE ARE ARRANGED IN CHICAGO AREA).

G. IF TIME PERMITS, URSU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
WEST COAST VISITS AT CALTECH AND BERKELEY.
SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL FOLLOW BUT ARE CERTAIN TO IN-
CLUBE GLEN SEABORG AT BERKELEY WITH WHOM URSU IS
PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED.

3. FYI: IN ADDITION TO BIO DATA AVAILABLE TO
DEPARTMENT, WE ARE INCLUDING THIS SUMMARY FOR IM-
MEDIATE REFERENCE. URSU IS AN EXPERIMENTAL
PHYSICIST WHO DID MUCH OF HIS WORK IN ISOTOLR
SEPARATION AT THE INSTITUTE OF STABILE ISOTOPES,
CLUJ. HE BECAME DEAN OF DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
AND PHYSICS AT UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ IN 1960 AND
DEPUTY RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY IN 1962. DURING
1960'S HE WAS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ROMANIAN MEMBER
OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. ELECTED CANDIDATE
MEMBER OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY 1963. IN 1968
HE CAME TO BUCHAREST AS DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE
OF ATOMIC PHYSICS AND SHORTLY AFTER WAS APPOINTED
CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY.
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HE ALSO HOLDS A PROFESSORSHIP IN PHYSICS AT UNIVERSITY
OF BUCHAREST WHERE HE LECTURES ONCE A WEEK. HE SAYS
HE STILL USUALLY MANAGES TO SPEND TIME IN HIS
LABORATORY EACH WEEK. SINCE MARCH 1973 URSU HAS ALSO
BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DSR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (NCST), ROMANIA'S HIGHEST SCIENCE MANAGE-
MENT AND POLICY BODY. IN NOVEMBER 1974 HE WAS
ALSO ELECTED CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE RCP. URSU SPEAKS FRENCH,
GERMAN, RUSSIAN, AND ENGLISH AND IS JUST TURNING 48.
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